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SEC. 17. *Compensation of other employees.*—That the compensation of all other employees of the health department shall be such as may be fixed by the mayor and city council from time to time.

SEC. 18. *Bonds may be required of other officers and employees of.*—That the health officer and mayor may require any officer or employee of the health department handling, receiving, or collecting moneys belonging to the city of Houston to execute and deliver to the city of Houston a bond in such sum as they may deem proper and sufficient, which bond shall be payable to the city of Houston, with at least three good and sufficient sureties or a surety company authorized to do business in Texas, to be approved by the mayor and to contain the same conditions and provisions as are provided for in the case of the city scavenger, and further conditioned, giving the city scavenger or other officer responsible for the acts of such officer or employee the same right of suit as provided in case of sanitary inspectors working under the city scavenger.

SEC. 19. *Payment of fees and money received or collected.*—That all fees or moneys collected or received by officers and employees of the health department or coming into their possession belonging to the city of Houston shall be paid over to the assessor and collector of taxes daily, and such daily and monthly reports made as are required by the ordinances.

SEC. 20. *Sanitary or health code to control this article.*—That all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed, but it is not intended hereby to, in any manner, repeal or affect that certain ordinance establishing a sanitary health code passed by the city council on January 26, 1914, but such ordinance is to remain in full force and effect, and this ordinance is only for the purpose of creating and organizing a health department, and in case of any conflict between it and said health code, the latter shall control and govern.

Board of Health—Organization, Powers, and Duties—Health Officer—Chemist and Bacteriologist. (Ord. Jan. 26, 1914.)

ART. 2. SEC. 20A. *Creation of, composition, appointment, terms of office, health officer, ex officio member.*—There is hereby established for the city of Houston, Harris County, Tex., a board of health to consist of five representative physicians and one layman. No salary or other compensation shall be paid to members of said board. Four members shall constitute a quorum, but a less number may adjourn from time to time, such adjourned meetings to have the same character as the original meeting would have had had it been held. Members of the said board shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city commissioners, and shall hold office for the term of two years: *Provided*, That after the passage of this ordinance three members shall be appointed for one year and the other three for two years, as vacancies occur. Vacancies occurring in the board shall be filled by the mayor for the unexpired term. The city health officer shall be ex officio a member of the board of health with the same privileges as other members.

SEC. 21. *Meetings; power to make orders at; measures preventing spread of contagious, etc., diseases; no power to create liability against city; health officer to enforce orders.*—Said board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month, at such time and place as they may decide, and shall from time to time hold such special meetings as they may deem necessary, and shall have power at such meetings to make all orders as they deem necessary for the maintenance of the public health, for cleansing or discontinuance of all groceries, breweries, cellars, factories, tanneries, stables, barns, privies, vaults, cesspools, sewers, wells, slaughterhouses, butcher shops, rendering and boiling establishments, pig pens, and all other nauseous or offensive buildings and structures, and the suppression and abatement of all nuisances, whether upon public grounds or private premises, affecting or endangering, in the opinion of the said board, the public health; take all necessary measures to prevent the spread of contagious diseases by

requiring any and all persons to be vaccinated, by the fumigation or destruction of infected buildings, and by the destruction of infected bedding or clothing.

Provided, that no debt or liability against the city shall be incurred by said board of health unless the same be expressly authorized by the mayor and commissioners, by ordinance duly passed for that purpose. All orders of said board shall be executed and enforced by the city health officer in person, or in his name, or under his authority, by any patrolman or policeman of the city, or by the sanitary inspectors.

SEC. 22. *City secretary or deputy to keep records, etc.; board to elect president and vice president.*—The city secretary, or his deputy, shall be secretary of the board of health, and shall keep a full record of all acts, orders, resolutions, rules, regulations, and proceedings of said board. The board shall at its first meeting, after the 1st of May in each year, elect from their number a president and vice president, who shall hold office for the period of one year, or until their successors are elected and installed.

SEC. 23. *Committee on public charities; rules and regulations of; monthly reports by institutions rendering services.*—The president and two members of said board of health shall act as a committee of public charities, and said committee shall prescribe such rules and regulations as they may deem proper, subject to the approval of the mayor and commissioners, concerning the admission and care of patients to be maintained by city appropriations in the charitable institutions of the city. And said committee shall require of all institutions receiving city appropriations a monthly report setting out the services rendered to said city patients.

SEC. 24. *Orders of, executed by health officer and assistants.*—The health officer of the city and his assistants shall execute the orders of the board of health, and the health officer shall be ex officio, a member of the board.

SEC. 25. *Shall make orders and regulations for government of.*—The board of health shall make such orders and regulations as it may deem necessary for its own government.

SEC. 26. *President shall appoint standing committees.*—The president shall appoint such standing committees as the needs may require.

SEC. 27. *Specific duties of.*—The specific duties of the board of health shall be:

- (a) The prevention and abatement or suppression of nuisances.
- (b) Supervision of the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish, and shall enforce the city ordinances concerning the collection and disposal of night soil.
- (c) Control of contagious and communicable diseases.
- (d) Preservation and classification of vital statistics.
- (e) The supervision of the water and food supply of the city.

ART. 3. *Health officer.*—SEC. 28. *Executive officer, etc., duties.*—Subject to the approval of the city council and board of health, the health officer as executive officer of the board shall enforce the rules and regulations of the local and State boards of health. He shall supervise the work in each branch of the department to the end of securing the best public service. He shall personally visit the market house and private markets, stock yards, slaughterhouses, restaurants, bakeries, etc., to keep in touch with the actual conditions that he may better direct the work of the inspectors. He shall exact a daily report from each official of all the work done outside the office. He shall make special investigations as to the general sanitary conditions, and he shall report to the mayor and the board of health in July and January upon such investigations, the same to include housing of the poor, offensive trades, pollutions of streams, and like matters of sanitary interest. He shall institute prosecutions under the direction of the city attorney for violation of any provision of the sanitary code of the State of Texas or of the city of Houston.

SEC. 29. *Supervisor of laboratory and office work.*—He shall have supervision of the laboratory and office work.

SEC. 30. *Harris County Tuberculosis Association, etc.*—He shall obtain and keep on file monthly reports from the Harris County Tuberculosis Association, and all other

charitable institutions within the city, from the crematory contractor or operator, from the supervisor of hygiene of schools, and he shall embody the material portions of all reports in his monthly report to the board.

SEC. 31. *Dairies, etc., power to grant or refuse permits for.*—He shall, subject to the approval of the city council, grant or refuse to grant permits to establish or conduct dairies, restaurants, bakeries, meat shops, or any other business involving the preparation or sale of food.

SEC. 32. *Nuisances; duties and powers with reference thereto.*—He shall, whenever it is ascertained that any nuisance or other condition detrimental to the public health exists on any premises, or in any building or other place, serve written notice upon the owner or occupant or other person in charge of such premises, building, or other place, to abate or remove said nuisance or condition within a reasonable time, such time to be stated in said notice, and upon refusal or neglect to obey orders he shall take such steps as shall be provided in this code to secure the enforcement of the order.

SEC. 33. *Permits; shall revoke, when.*—The health officer shall, at the direction of the board of health or the mayor, revoke any permit from any person who has failed or refused to comply with the requirements of the provisions of the sections relating to the performance of the act for which the permit was issued.

SEC. 34. *Record inspections and analyses.*—The health officer shall keep and file suitable records of all inspections and analyses provided for in this chapter.

SEC. 35. *Hospitals, etc., shall visit; duties with reference thereto.*—The health officer shall visit all the public wards of the hospitals in the city at least once in each month, and oftener if necessary, and shall note in each: Overcrowding, food, cleanliness, ventilation, and attention, and he shall record, report, and file such notes. He shall visit the eruptive (isolation) hospital at least once in each month, or as often as shall be necessary, and he shall record, report, and file his notes of each visit.

SEC. 36. *Reports to board of health.*—The health officer shall make monthly report to the board of health of all work done by the health department.

SEC. 37. *General duties.*—The health officer shall perform all other acts necessary to the proper enforcement of the several sections of this chapter.

SEC. 38. *Vaccine, antitoxins, and serums; vaccination and administration.*—He shall keep on hand at all times a sufficient quantity of good vaccine matter and vaccinate all individuals presenting themselves for the purpose, and also keep on hand a sufficient supply of antitoxins and serums as have proven efficacious in treatment as his judgment or the judgment of the board of health shall determine to be advisable, and shall administer the same when necessary free of charge. All such vaccines, antitoxins, and serums to be purchased at the cost of the city.

ART. 4. *City chemist and bacteriologist, etc.*—SEC. 39. *The city chemist and bacteriologist.*—(a) The city chemist and bacteriologist shall make such bacteriological and chemical examinations as may be directed by the mayor, city health officer, or city board of health. These shall include examinations for diphtheria, typhoid fever, tuberculosis, meningitis, and such other contagious diseases, and shall examine the water supply, milk and ice cream, meat, fish, and other foods of the city as directed.

(b) He shall be furnished with a well-equipped laboratory at the cost of the city.

SEC. 40. *The Harris County Tuberculosis Society.*—The Harris County Tuberculosis Society shall make monthly reports to the health officer of work done within the city.

SEC. 41. *The supervisor of hygiene of schools.*—The supervisor of hygiene of schools shall make monthly reports to the health officer.

Nuisances. (Ord. Jan. 26, 1914.)

ART. 5. SEC. 42. *General definition.*—Whatever is dangerous to human health, whatever renders the ground, the water, the air, or food a hazard or an injury to human health is hereby declared to be a nuisance, and the following specific acts, conditions, and things are, each and all of them, hereby prohibited and made unlawful.